

**Preliminary Amdt. dated September 22, 2003
This Preliminary Amdt. accompanying the filing
of a Divisional Application.**

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 1. This sheet, replaces the original Fig. 1 sheet Applicants submits herewith proposed amendments to Fig. 1 of the drawings which include the referred to elements, i.e., port bonding circuitry 152 and 156, port control circuitry 150 and 154, and the label 100 to refer to the network system of Fig. 1. Applicants respectfully submit that the proposed amendments do not add new matter and request approval of the drawings. Specifically, the port control circuitry 154 and 150 and the bonding circuitry 156 and 152 are explicitly set out in the original specification on page 9, lines 24-29. Further the description of Fig. 6 in the original specification includes an exemplary embodiment of elements 150, 152, 154, and 156.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes